Construction of new hostel by Delhi University

318. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi University authorities are unable to proceed with their plans to construct new hostels due to procedural wrangles with the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Delhi University Academic Council;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the authorities to get the plans approved and to start the construction work in view of the approaching new academic year; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that necessary funds have been provided for the construction of the hostels by the University Grants Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University, their plan to construct new hostels is held up at present for want of approval of their Master Plan. Though the Delhi Urban Arts Commission gave its conceptual approval to the Master Plan in January, 1986, it has desired that the Master Plan be submitted to them through MCD. The construction can be taken up only after the Master Plan has been approved by the MCD and the Delhi Urban Arts Commission. The Master Plan is under examination of the MCD.

(c) The UGC has agreed to provide grant to the University for construction of a 100-seated hostel for boys in the Seventh Plan, and an extension of the Women's hostel to accommodate 100 more students.

National Ports Authority

319. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up National Ports Authority; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details have not been finalilzed.

Poor maintenance of Dornier Aircraft

320. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Garret Corporation of USA which supplies engines to Dornier aircraft has complained to Vayudoot about the poor maintenance of the engines of the aircraft;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints; and

(c) what are the remedial steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Killer disease in the Tribal Areas

321. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribals of Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh suffer from a disease which emaciates them, swelling on leg joints, enlargement of liver and re-